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SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM : Is there any difficulty with regard to the site in which the Light House Road overbridge is to be located? May I know whether that has been satisfactorily settled?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : I have just said in Tamil that the question is not yet completely settled. I hope it will be settled.

Kidnapping of children

* 100 *Q.*—SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Home be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of cases reported to the City Police in which children have been kidnapped from several parts of the City while at play in the months of June, July, August and September 1959;

(*b*) the number of cases in which such children have been recovered; and

(*c*) the measures taken or proposed to be taken to prevent such occurrence?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (*a*) One.

(*b*) Nil.

(*c*) The situation is not so alarming as to call for any special measures. The solitary case reported is also likely to be a case of a straying child as the child was known to be not mentally normal. The Crime Branch of the City Police are taking all possible efforts to trace the child.

SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM : Has the child since been traced as this has been pending for a very long time?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : I do not have that information with me. Perhaps if the child had been traced, they would have supplied that information. The report is dated 18th March 1960. So up to date the boy has not been traced.

Government Bus Transport

* 92 *Q.*—SRI MOHAMED RAZA KHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there is any proposal before the Government to raise the fares of Government Bus Transport in Madras City; and

(*b*) if so, the basis on which the fares will be increased?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : (*a*) & (*b*) The Government have decided to defer the consideration of the proposal for revision of bus fares in Madras City.

Soda ash

* 93 *Q.*—SRI M. ETHIRAJALU : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the price of soda ash in the State has increased; and